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SUBJECT: SHUNGU TV SET

REF: KINSHASA 12283 (DECEMBER 29, 1977)

1. DEPT HAS MADE INFORMAL INQUIRIES ON BEHALF OF CITIZEN SHUNGU. FOLLOWING IS ACCOUNT OF AFFAIR GIVEN TO DEPT BY REPRESENTATIVE OF T.V. TECHNICIANS, INC. AND GENERALLY CORROBORATED BY GOZ EMBASSY LAWYER. ON JULY 30, 1975, SHUNGU LEFT TELEVISION WITH FIRM FOR REPAIRS, AND IN RETURN RECEIVED TICKET WHICH STATED THAT IF SET NOT PICKED UP WITHIN 30 DAYS OF REPAIRS, OWNER WOULD BE ASSESSED DOLLARS 1 PER DAY STORAGE CHARGE. REPAIRS WERE MADE BUT SHUNGU DID NOT RETURN TO PICK UP SET. FIRM ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT SHUNGU BY TELEPHONE BUT WAS INFORMED NUMBER NO LONGER IN SERVICE. LETTERS TO ADDRESS GIVEN BY SHUNGU WERE RETURNED WITH NOTATION, "ADDRESSEE MOVED". LETTER TO EMBASSY IN CARE OF SHUNGU RETURNED AS WELL. FIRM FINALLY LOCATED SHUNGU IN EARLY 1976 AND DELIVERED TELEVISION TO HIS HOME, BUT SHUNGU REFUSED TO PAY FOR REPAIRS AND DEMANDED THAT

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TELEVISION BE LEFT IN HIS HOME. SHUNGU THEN CAME TO SHOP ON COLUMBIA ROAD AND ATTEMPTED TO TAKE SET FROM PREMISES WITHOUT PAYING FOR REPAIRS. AN ALTERCATION WITH SHOP EMPLOYEES ENSUED AND POLICE WERE CALLED TO EVICT SHUNGU

FROM SHOP. FIRM THEN SOLD TELEVISION FOR DOLLARS 250. IN MEANTIME, SHUNGU RECALLED TO KINSHASA. IN JUNE 1976

FIRM REACHED AGREEMENT WITH SHUNGU THROUGH EMBASSY'S LAWYER. A CHECK FOR DOLLARS 39.50 SENT TO SHUNGU JUNE 9, 1976. AMOUNT ARRIVED AT BY DEDUCTING DOLLARS 75.50 CHARGES FOR REPAIRS AND STORAGE COSTS (DOLLAR ONE PER DAY FOR 4 1/2 MONTHS) FROM DOLLARS 250 FIRM RECEIVED WHEN IT SOLD SET. TO DATE SHUNGU HAS NOT CASHED CHECK.

2. THIS IS A CIVIL CASE BETWEEN A ZAIRIAN CITIZEN AND A US FIRM AND ANY FURTHER INTERVENTION BY THE USG ON BEHALF OF CITIZEN SHUNGU WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE.

3. SHUNGU WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE TWO OPTIONS 1) BRING SUIT AGAINST FIRM OR 2) ACCEPT SETTLEMENT OF DOLLARS 39.50. FIRM HAS INDICATED IT WILLING TO ISSUE ANOTHER CHECK IF FIRST ONE NOT RECEIVED OR LOST.

4. EMBASSY MAY DRAW UPON FOREGOING IN PREPARING RESPONSE TO GOZ'S NOTE. VANCE

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